

**Ecosystem Roundtable
Minutes for November 14, 1997 Meeting**

Roundtable Member and Liaison Attendance

Nat Bingham (PCFFA)
Gary Bobker (TBI)
Amy Fowler (SCVWD)
Cynthia Koehler (SBA)
Jason Peltier (CVPWA)
David Yardas (EDF)
Tom Zuckerman (CDWA)
Perry Herrgesell (DFG)

Ecosystem Roundtable Workgroup Report

The Workgroup met on November 6, 1997. Roundtable representatives in attendance included David Yardas, Cynthia Koehler, Tom Zuckerman, and Joel Medlin. The Workgroup discussed a proposed process for developing a "Blueprint" for early ecosystem restoration that would guide the allocation of a virtual pool of funds over the next 2 to 3 years. Attached to these minutes is information describing the process and the need for an interim "Bridge Year" process while the Blueprint is developed.

Roundtable members supported the need for an early implementation plan to guide a virtual pool of funds. The Roundtable suggested the Blueprint be announced at the December "Signing of the Accord" event. Members also supported the need for them to have a strong role in the development of the plan. The workgroup was asked to develop the details of an integrated agency and Roundtable document including the content, process and timetable.

Roundtable supported the idea of using the existing Integration Panel with some modifications such as:

- Including a member or two from the ERPP Scientific Review Panel, need landscape ecologist on the panel
- Making the representation more balanced between agency and nonagency members
- Making the process for selecting the members more open and representational.

It was also suggested that the next planning process and funding cycle include more outreach to regional areas in the development of ideas for actions to fund.

1998 Bridge Year Process

The Workgroup suggested the need for an interim process for allocating some of the 1998 funding to high priority actions while the Blueprint is finalized. Kate Hansel provided information from the CALFED Management Team (attached) describing in general their

recommendation to allocate all \$85 million by February 1998.

Roundtable members disagreed with allocation of all \$85 million by February. Kate will get further clarification on the 1998 funding cycle and process recommended by CALFED Policy Group at their November 24th meeting.

The Roundtable was asked for their input into the CALFED recommendation to allocate approximately \$2.3 million of the 1998 funding to several CALFED programs (see attached) Members asked for more information on each program. Certain programs appeared consistent with the federal funding language and others programs such as the HCP, caused more concern. CALFED staff were asked to bring more information on the programs at the Roundtable meeting in December.

CVPIA Proposition 204 Report

Alan Baracco described in general the funding allocated in Proposition 204 for the state match to CVPIA. (See attachments)

Roundtable members asked for copies of the CVPIA draft 5 year plan and wanted to ensure that the CVPIA plan would dovetail with the Blueprint.

Restoration Coordination Updates

Monitoring. Leo Winternitz (DWR/CALFED) provided a summary of the CALFED proposed long-term monitoring plan and the process for the near-term monitoring of Category III projects (see attachments). Leo asked for comments by December 8, 1997. In general, CALFED is proposing to establish a work team to review and provide guidance on the monitoring plans for Category III projects. All data would be required to be a specific format and submitted to a common data base. The information/data would be reviewed as part of the adaptive management process which is still in the early stages of development.

Project Status and Reporting. Staff will provide a sample reporting format for Roundtable review and comment to determine the type and level of detail the Roundtable would like to see in regular progress reports on the Category III projects funded.

Future Meeting Dates

December 5, 1997	9:30 to 12:30
January 13, 1997	9:30 to 12:30